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1. DURING LUNCHEON MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL ON AUGUST 19, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG HSI-K'UN INQUIRED ABOUT OUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION CONCERNING PRC INTENTIONS AT THE FORTHCOMING INTELSAT MEETING. WE INFORMED YANG THAT PRC HAD TOLD GOJ THAT A RESOLUTION SUP-
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PORTING PRC MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE PRESENTED AT FORTHCOMING

NAIROBI MEETING AND THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE PRESSED TO A VOTE. WHILE WE HAD NOT YET HEARD THAT A CHIREP ITEM HAD BEEN PUT ON NAIROBI AGENDA, WE ACCEPTED ACCURACY OF THIS INFORMATION FROM GOJ WHICH HAD BEEN CONFIRMED IN A REPORT FROM ANOTHER (UNNAMED) CAPITAL. WE HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY THIS SECOND CAPITAL THAT PRC WOULD NOT OBJECT TO CONTINUED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN INTEL SAT AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS ON TAIWAN NOR TO BUSINESS-LIKE ARRANGEMENT WITH RESPECT TO USE OF TAIWAN'S TWO EARTH STATIONS.

2. VICE MINISTER YANG SAID THAT THIS LATTER REPORT CONCERNING ACCESS WAS MOST IMPORTANT. HUMMEL AGREED THAT ACCESS WAS THE MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE, BUT CAUTIONED THAT DEPT DID NOT HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF THIS ONE REPORT ON THE PRC'S VIEWS CONCERNING ACCESS. HUMMEL SAID THAT US WOULD WISH TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH ROC AND OTHER GOVERNMENT'S IN PREPARATION FOR THE NAIROBI MEETING.

3. LATER ON SAME DAY, DEPT OFFS REVIEWED DETAILS OF JAPANESE AND CANADIAN REPORTS WITH ROC EMBASSY MINISTER MARTIN WONG, WITHOUT IDENTIFYING CANADA AS SOURCE OF LATTER REPORT PER EXPLICIT GOC REQUEST. WONG SAID HE WOULD LEAD ROC DEL TO NAIROBI MEETING AND THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO TAIPEI FOR CONSULTATIONS ON INTEL SAT IN ABOUT ONE WEEK. DURING LONG AND CANDID DISCUSSION, WONG TOLD US HE IS DISPOSED TOWARD TACTICS THAT WOULD HAVE GROC WITHDRAW JUST PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES BUT SEND DELEGATION TO NAIROBI THAT COULD UNDERSCORE TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN CONTINUED ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM AS NON-MEMBER. WE NOTE THAT HE WAS NOT SURE IF TAIPEI WOULD AGREE TO SUCH TACTICS.

4. DEPT OFFS SAID USG WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY READING ON POSITIONS AND TACTICS ROC WOULD ADOPT AT NAIROBI TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS IN INTEL SAT. WE RESTATED DEPT'S FEELING THAT ACCESS IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ROC THAN MEMBERSHIP AND THAT OUR STRATEGY AT NAIROBI SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ACCESS. WONG'S COMMENTS INDICATED THAT HE

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SHARED THIS APPROACH. WE ALSO ENCOURAGED ROC TO CONSIDER APPROACHING SELECTED INTEL SAT MEMBERS TO MAKE CASE FOR CONTINUED ACCESS PRIOR TO NAIROBI MEETING WHERE TIME AND OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE LIMITED FOR SUCH A CAMPAIGN. WONG SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THIS AND MIGHT USE THE SIGNATORIES MEETING, JUST PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES, FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED PROMPT REPORTING FROM
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